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CERTIFIED MAIL--Return Receipt Requested

Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corporation c/o Stephanie McKeachnie 121 W Main Street Vernal, UT 84078

Re: Correction of MSHA safety violation, Tom Taylor mine, Federal Gilsonite Lease U-0122694, T 10 S. R. 24 E., Sec. 3: Lots 1 & 2.

Dear Ms. McKeachnie:

On March 2, 2000, we received your proposal for correcting the MSHA Safety Violation Number 7909059 dated January 26, 2000. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) approves the action to be taken.

The road cited in the violation is not currently approved for use as part of Ziegler's mine and reclamation plan on this lease. An application to modify the plan is currently under review. By approving the specific actions to rectify the above cited MSHA safety violation, Ziegler Chemical and Mineral Corporation is hereby put on notice that if the action of using this road is not approved by BLM and placed in the mine plan or if BLM recommends a different alternative, Ziegler will have to comply with the BLM recommendation. This reocmmendation may address the type of barricades that BLM will allow.

Gilsonite lease U-0122694 and other federal gilsonite leases only grants the rights to mine gilsonite and construct surface facilities related to the mining and processing of gilsonite. Rocks planned to be used for barricades may not be removed from public lands without a mineral material sale having first been obtained (pursuant to the provisions of the 43 CFR 3600 regulations - contact the Vernal Field Office for further information). Please provide me information about the planned source of the stone. The posts that are to be installed shall not be visible from the White River.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Stan Perkes, Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management, (801) 539-4036.

Sincerely,

/s/ Douglas M. Koza

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